



Legislative Update

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This report updates the status of legislation for the 2007-08 Legislative session, for which the Commission is considering continuing or adopting new positions. The legislation is arranged by Commission priority areas, followed by a more general listing of bills, for which the staff recommends that Commission adopt watch positions at this time. Due to the many bills currently being offered for consideration, staff has prioritized them by listing highest priority bills in subject categories and then lower priority bills. As legislation progresses, staff will apprise the Commission of related changes.

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The Commission advises the Governor and the Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the State's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission is available at www.cpec.ca.gov.

Accountability

AB 1413 (Portantino) – As Amended July 18, 2007 - Commission Position – Support, in Concept: This bill, as amended, places restrictions on employment contracts for the California State University (CSU) executive officers and requires that any contract and its terms be adopted by resolution at a board meeting of the CSU Trustees. It also authorizes an ex officio trustee to designate one staff person to attend meetings of the board in his or her absence and act on his or her behalf. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters: (June 6, 2007 version) American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California Faculty Association, California State Employees Association, California Teachers Association, John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor, Service Employees International Union, State Employee's Trades Council, The Greenlining Institute.

Opposition: (June 6, 2007 version) California State University, the Office of Governmental Affairs at California State University Long Beach, an alumni of California State University Long Beach.

SB 190 (Yee) – As Amended May 22, 2007 - Commission Position – Support, in Concept: This bill, as amended, enacts the Higher Education Governance Accountability Act. It places additional open meeting requirements on the California State University Trustees and the University of California Regents, and clarifies the requirements for meetings that must be open and public. The bill requires that actions on executive compensation, as specified, occur in open, public meetings. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support this bill, in concept.

Status: Assembly Floor: Third Reading File: Awaiting a Floor Vote.

Supporters: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Associated Students of the University of California, Davis, California Faculty Association, California Family Council, California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation, California Newspaper Publishers Association, California Nurses Association, California State Employees Association, California State Student Association, California Teachers Association, Californians Aware, CSU Employees Union, Levy, Ram & Olsen LLP, San Francisco Labor Council, State Employee's Trades Council, The Council of UC Faculty Associations, The Greenlining Institute, The Services Employees International Union, University of California Student Association, University Professional and Technical Employees Communications, Workers of America Local 9119.

Opposition: No official opposition.

SB 325 (Scott) – As Amended April 9, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, if Amended:* This bill, as amended, requires the State to establish an accountability framework and requires the Commission to collect, maintain, display and report data for biennial assessments of the State's postsecondary system in meeting the needs of Californians. Since accountability is a Commission priority, but no new funds are provided for this reporting, (which is estimated to cost \$490,000), it is recommended that the Commission continue to support this bill, if amended, to clarify its provisions and provide adequate funding.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

Supporters: California Postsecondary Education Commission, California State University, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California and the University of California.

Opposition: No official opposition.

Affordability

AB 262 (Coto) – As Amended July 5, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, if Amended, Pending:* This bill, as amended, urges the University of California and requires the California State University (CSU) and the community colleges to adopt policies to regulate marketing practices of credit card companies. The bill also extends the sunset date on the CSU regulation adoption process, exempts the CSU from the approval of the Department of General Services for vehicle acquisitions and requires a report on related savings. The provisions that help students avoid unnecessary student credit card debt are recommended in the Commission's affordability report. The new provisions regarding CSU's self-governance and vehicle acquisition are intended to increase CSU's efficiency; however, there is no evaluation of the impact of the regulations. It is recommended that the Commission change its position from support to support, if amended, to either remove the CSU self-governance provision or require a report on its effectiveness, with recommendations for a permanent process.

Status: Senate Floor: Third Reading File: Awaiting a Floor Vote.

Supporters: (July 3, 2007 version) California Federation of Teachers, California State University, San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, The Greenlining Institute.

Opposition: (July 3, 2007 version) There is no official opposition for this measure.

AB 1548 (Solorio) – As Amended July 18, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, in Concept:* This bill, as amended, establishes the College Textbook Transparency Act, which requires publishers and

bookstores that offer textbooks for sale to public higher education institutions to disclose specified information, and requires faculty and other postsecondary employees to follow specified practices in the adoption and purchase of textbooks. Some aspects of this bill are consistent with Commission goals and adopted policies regarding college affordability, but others will require further clarification. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters: There is no official support for this measure.

Opposition: California State University.

SB 832 (Corbett) – As Amended July 11, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, in Concept:* This bill, as amended, enacts the College Textbook Affordability Act, which would require publishers to provide a complete list of all of the products they offer for sale, including the item's wholesale price, the estimated length of time they intend to market each item and any substantive differences between the current and prior edition of each book. This bill is designed to improve the information available on textbooks so that campuses and professors can make more informed decisions about which textbooks they choose to carry. Textbook costs were identified as an area of increased costs in the Commission's affordability initiative. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support this bill, in concept.

Status: Assembly Floor: Third Reading File: Awaiting a Floor Vote.

Supporters: (June 26, 2007 version) American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Associated Students of the University of California, Davis, California Association of College Stores, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, California Postsecondary Education Commission, California Public Interest Research Group, California Teachers Association, Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges and California Community College Trustees, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Kern Community College District, Rio Honda Community College District, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, University of California Student Association, West Kern Community College Districts.

Opposition: (June 26, 2007 version) Association of American Publishers, Pearson Education.

Workforce Development

AB 365 (Portantino) – As Amended July 2, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support - Sponsor:* This bill, as amended, requires the Commission to convene a taskforce to deliberate and report findings and recommendations regarding the relationship between higher education and the workforce for legislative review. It also adds a new priority area to the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the public sector workforce. This bill is based on policy recommendations from the Commission and is sponsored by the Commission. It is recommended that the Commission continue to sponsor and support the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters: California Postsecondary Education Commission, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, California Healthcare Institute, California Hospital Association, California Manufacturers & Technology Association, Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Opposition: Department of Finance.

AB 573 (Horton) – As Amended April 10, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires community colleges offering nursing education programs to select students based on academic and other pertinent criteria. The bill would prohibit colleges from using lottery systems or other random selection methods for choosing nursing candidates. Because the bill would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program. The bill did not make its policy and fiscal committee deadlines and will likely not move forward in its current form this year. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Cancelled at Author's Request: 2-Year Bill

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 1559 (Berryhill) – As Amended July 18, 2007 - Commission Position – Support, in Concept: This bill, as amended, authorizes a community college registered nursing program, which determines that the number of applicants to the program exceeds its capacity, to admit students by multicriteria screening, random selection or a combination of the two processes. Where a program elects to employ a multicriteria screening process, on or after January 1, 2008, it must include minimal criteria relating to academic performance, work or volunteer experience, foreign language skills, life experiences, and special circumstances of the applicant. It allows programs to also use additional criteria such as interviews, recommendations and approved diagnostic assessment tools. The bill requires a program that uses this process to report its admissions policies to the Chancellor annually, in writing. It requires the Chancellor to develop a model admissions process based on these provisions and make it available to these programs by July 1, 2008. It also requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to evaluate and report its findings regarding the process in its analysis of the 2009-10 Budget Bill. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters: (June 20, 2007 version) American Nurses Association, California, Association of California Healthcare Districts, Anaheim Memorial Medical Center, Ballard Rehabilitation Hospital, California Hospital Association, California Postsecondary Education Commission, Cedars-Sinai Health System, Chula Vista Medical Center, Community Medical Centers, Corcoran District Hospital, Eisenhower Medical Center, Hanford Community Medical Center, Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, John Muir Medical Center, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, Kern Community College District, Lompoc District Hospital, Madera Community Hospital, Methodist Hospital, Miracle Mile Medical Center, NorthBay Healthcare, Northern Inyo Hospital, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Saddleback Memorial Medical Center, San Antonio Community Hospital, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, Simi Valley Hospital, Sutter Amador Hospital, Sutter Delta Medical Center, Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa, Tri-City Regional Medical Center, Trinity Hospital, ValleyCare Health System, West Anaheim Medical Center, White Memorial Medical Center.

Opposition: (June 20, 2007 version) California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation, California Nurses Association, Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California, Latino Issues Forum, Service Employees International Union, Watts Century Latino Organization.

Access

AB 100 (Mullin) – As Amended March 7, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch*: This bill, as amended, proposes a K-12 and higher education facility General Obligation Bond for November 2008 ballot approval. Staff worked with the authors to include the Commission’s findings regarding joint use and capital planning in this bill. The bill did not make its policy and fiscal committee deadlines and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Education Committee: No Hearing Date: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 1409 (Portantino) – As Amended July 18, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*: This bill, as amended, authorizes K-12 districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide college-level courses and career-technical education opportunities to high school students. It allows these students to enroll in community college courses upon the recommendation of their principal and with the consent of their parents. The bill limits the percentage of students who can be recommended by the principal for community college summer attendance. The bill specifies that these concurrent students would be counted as California Community College students for funding purposes, unless a K-12 district has or will receive an allowance or appropriation for these students attendance. Recent amendments require the Community Colleges’ Chancellor’s Office to report annually to the Department of Finance on the amount of FTES generated by each community college district under this bill. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no recent official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 1540 (Bass) – As Amended July 5, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch*: This bill, as amended, formalizes the existing, privately-funded “Cash for College” financial aid information outreach efforts as a State program administered under the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), in partnership with private businesses and organizations. As amended, the bill authorizes CSAC to allocate funds for support of local Cash for College projects designed to meet prescribed goals. It creates the Cash for College Account to receive voluntary contributions or donations for allocation to CSAC for program support. It requires CSAC to conduct annual program evaluations and report the findings to the Legislature. The bill is consistent with Commission policies on financial aid outreach and access, but the funding source is inconsistent. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no recent official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 1578 (Leno) – As Amended April 26, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch*: This bill, as amended, states legislative intent to establish and provide services and financial support to help foster youth achieve their educational goals and establishes the “California Competitive Grant Program” to provide comprehensive support in postsecondary institutions to students who are former foster youth. Recent amendments request community college campuses that offer student housing to give priority for housing to current and former foster youth. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters: All Saints Church Foster Care Project, California State Association of Counties, California Student Aid Commission, California Youth Connection, Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges Board of the Community College League, City and County of San Francisco, Rio Hondo Community College District, Urban Counties Caucus.

Opposition: There is no official opposition for this measure.

SB 890 (Scott) – As Amended July 17, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*: This bill, as amended, establishes the Early College Commitment Program to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) until January 1, 2020. It provides that districts volunteering to participate in the program are required to partake in a variety of activities intended to increase high school completion rates and motivate students to take challenging coursework. Additionally, it requires participating districts to provide college information and preparation events for students. If a student fulfills the programs requirements, as specified, he or she will be eligible for a California Community College Board of Governor's fee waiver. The bill requires the SPI to evaluate the program and make a recommendation on whether it should continue. This bill is well-intended and could provide substantial outreach efforts to students who are unlikely to obtain a higher education; however, the implementation cost could limit its application. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support this bill, in concept.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

Supporters: (June 26, 2007 version) Advance!, Advancement Project, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, ALL Student Loan, Alameda County Office of Education, Anaheim City School District, Applied Research Center, Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Automobile Club of Southern California, AVID, Bay Area Council, Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition, Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs, CalChamber, California Catholic Conference, California Coast Credit Union, California Community Colleges, California Farm Bureau Federation, Californians for Justice Education Fund, California Postsecondary Education Commission, California School Boards Association, California State PTA, California State University, California Tomorrow, Campaign for College Opportunity (sponsor), CATAPULT, Center for Educational Partnerships, Central Valley Higher Education Consortium, Citrus College, CJ Ventures, College of the Sequoias, College OPTIONS, Community Action Partnership of Kern, Community Coalition of South Los Angeles, Compact for Success, San Diego State University, Contoural, Contra Costa College, Coronado Unified School District Governing Board, Families In Schools, Fullerton School District, Garvey School District, Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services Inc. (GLASS), Girls Inc of Orange County, Golden West College, Great Valley Center, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Leadership Council of Stanislaus County, Inner City Struggle, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED), MACSA, Merced City School District, Merced Community College District, MALDEF, Modesto Chamber of Commerce, Modesto Junior College, Oakland Community Organizations, Orange County Department of Education, Oxnard Union High School District, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE), Pierce College, Public Advocates, Inc., Raytheon, Rio Linda Union School District, Ruiz Foods, Saddleback Valley Unified School District, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Community College District, San Diego State University Access Initiatives, San Bernardino County Office of Education, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, Savanna School District, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Southern California Edison, South Orange County Community College District, Southwestern College, Stanislaus County Board of Education, Stanislaus County Of-

fice of Education, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, University of California, UCLA Institute for Democracy Education & Access (IDEA), West Los Angeles College, Wilshire Industries Inc. , Yosemite Community College District Trustee, Yuba Community College District, 15 individuals.

Opposition: (June 26, 2007 version) There is no official opposition for this measure.

Professional Development

SB 43 (Torlakson) – As Amended June 4, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch:* This bill, as amended, requires the CTC to issue, upon the recommendation of the governing board of a school district, a Preliminary Recruitment of Experienced Professional (PREP) credential, to an individual who displays knowledge and expertise as specified, (i.e., possession of degrees, experience, basic skills, subject matter competence). The PREP credential is in the form of a preliminary single subject teaching credential with designated grade levels. After completing training, professional development and an induction program, the holder of a PREP credential is eligible for a professional clear teaching credential. The bill requires the CTC to accept applications through January 1, 2012, report on the program and make recommendations for improving it. SB 43 is intended to provide more tailored preparation for individuals entering the teaching profession as a retiree or as the result of a career change. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: No Hearing Date: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no recent official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 232 (Ducheny) – As Amended June 4, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support:* This bill, as amended, extends the sunset date for the current Subject Matter Projects (SMPs), by seven years, to June 30, 2014. The Commission has historically supported the six current SMPs, as they have been successful at identifying exemplary teaching practices, developing research on learning, and creating more effective educational materials for teachers to use in the classroom. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

Supporters: Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, California Alliance for Arts Education, California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, California Association of Teachers of English, California Language Teachers Association, California Postsecondary Education Commission, California School Boards Association, California State PTA, California State University, California Teachers Association, University of California.

Opposition: There is no official opposition for this measure.

Student Fees and Financial Aid

AB 152 (Beall) – As Amended June 1, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch:* This bill, as amended, establishes the California Pre-Paid Tuition Program under the authority of the ScholarShare Investment Board and the California Prepaid Tuition Fund within the Scholarshare Trust. It authorizes the Board to manage and invest the funds. As amended, the bill requires the Board to maintain a separate account in the fund for the deposit of administrative fees to support the program. The bill is intended to enable eligible individuals to purchase tuition units at a set value and redeem them at a future date for an equal amount of tuition units at any California institution of higher education. Recent Commission policy supports “tuition guarantee” models that lock in four years of level tuition for entering freshman, but has

reservations about the adequate funding of pre-paid tuition programs. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Hearing Cancelled at Author's Request.

Supporters: California Federation of Teachers, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

Opposition: Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

AB 171 (Beall) – As Amended July 3, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, in Concept*: This bill, as amended, renames and restructures the Public Interest Attorney Repayment Program, which is to be funded by both State appropriations and private contributions. The private donations are to be invested in the Surplus Money Investment Fund to eliminate any potential State Treasury costs for managing a separate portfolio. This loan assumption program for licensed attorneys who meet certain eligibility criteria is administered by the California Student Aid Commission. The bill adds a county counsel as an eligible loan assumption award recipient. It authorizes the Commission to assume up to \$11,000 in loans, per applicant, for 4 consecutive years of employment by an eligible public interest employer. The program will sunset on January 1, 2015. This bill is consistent with the Commission's "affordability" report recommendations. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

Supporters: (April 11, 2007 version) American Federation of State, County and Municipal, Employees (AFSCME), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Protection & Advocacy, Inc., Regional Council of Rural Counties, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Solano County Board of Supervisors, Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Opposition: (April 11, 2007 version) There is no official opposition for this measure.

AB 175 (Price) – As Introduced - Commission Position – *Watch, Pending*: This bill increases funding for the Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards to \$1,551 in 2008-09 and by 5%–10% per year thereafter until they have increased by 20% of the measured access costs. This bill's provisions are aligned with the Commission's "access" goals. However, the bill did not make its policy and fiscal committee deadlines and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission change the position on this bill from support to watch.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Postponed by Committee: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Community College League of California, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, University of California Student Association (Sponsor).

Opposition: There is no official opposition for this measure.

AB 286 (Cook) – As Introduced - Commission Position – *Watch*: This bill repeals the existing exemption from nonresident tuition for aliens who have filed an affidavit, but who don't have lawful immigration. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: No Hearing Date Scheduled: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 302 (De La Torre) – As Amended March 15, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch, Pending:*

This bill, as amended, deletes the current limitations on access award amounts in the Cal Grant B program for students attending the California State University, the University of California, and non-public institutions during their first academic year. The bill clarifies that Cal Grant B awards amounts are to include the access award amount and an additional amount for tuition and fees. While this bill promotes access, its potential cost (estimated to be \$78 million annually), is substantial. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission change the position on this bill from support, in concept, to watch.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Postponed by Committee: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Associated Students, California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, California State University, San Marcos, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, Brian Calhoun, Councilmember, City of Fresno, Cal State Student Association (Co-Sponsor), California State University (Co-Sponsor), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, University of California Student Association.

Opposition: There is no official opposition for this measure.

AB 488 (Portantino) – As Amended April 11, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch:* This bill, as amended, establishes a campus-based financial aid system for the California Community Colleges (CCC) -- the CCC Access Grant Program. This program is to be funded with one-third of the system-wide student fee revenues received by the community college districts. This bill would establish a financial aid system similar to those operated by the California State University and University of California, whereby a portion of fees paid by non-needy students is used to assist needy students. The Commission has historically supported the establishment of an institutionally-based financial aid system for the community colleges. However, given the substantial costs of the bill (likely in excess of \$100 million annually), and the fact that it did not make its fiscal committee deadline, it is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Postponed by Committee: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters: California Community College Student Financial Aid, Administrators Association, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Opposition: There is no official opposition for this measure.

AB 611 (Nakanishi) – As Amended July 20, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, in Concept:*

This bill, as amended, establishes the California Physician Assistant Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program within the Health Professions Education Foundation. It requires that the Foundation administer the program utilizing the same general guidelines applicable to the federal National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program and the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, with the exception of those who agree to serve in an area of the state where unmet priority needs exist for primary care family physicians. The bill does not specify a timeframe or amount to be given to participants in the proposed program, but the national guidelines provide criteria for establishing them. The bill is intended to assist physician assistants who provide health care services in an underserved community by providing them with scholarships and student loan repayment assistance. This approach is consistent with the Commission's "affordability" recommendations. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill, in concept.

Status: Senate Floor: Third Reading File: Awaiting a Floor Vote.

Supporters: (June 19, 2007 version) American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Association of California Healthcare Districts, California Academy of Physician Assistants, California Postsecondary Education Commission, California Primary Care Association, United Nurses Association of California/Union of Health Care Professionals.

Opposition: (June 19, 2007 version) There is no recent official opposition for this measure.

AB 668 (Portantino) – As Amended July 16, 2007 - Commission Position – Support: This bill, as amended, enacts the California Community College Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act and expresses legislative intent to increase the numbers of community college students receiving federal Pell Grants. The bill requires the Chancellor's Office to provide regional training for colleges to assist them in getting students to apply for the full range of financial aid that is available to them. It also requires colleges to work with high schools, to increase the numbers of high school graduates who apply for financial aid in college. The bill requires the Legislative Analyst to report to the Legislature, by March 15, 2008 and annually thereafter, on student financial aid administration, as specified. The bill states legislative intent that funding be provided for these purposes in the 2008-09 Budget Act. It is recommended that the Commission continue to support the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date - August 20, 2007.

Supporters: (June 1, 2007 version) California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), Campaign for College Opportunity (sponsor), Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Public Advocates, Inc., San Jose-Evergreen Community College District.

Opposition: (June 1, 2007 version) There is no recent official opposition for this measure.

AB 819 (Runner) – As Amended April 24, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, authorizes State income tax deductions of \$3,000 – \$6,000 for contributions made by taxpayers to qualified college tuition savings programs, as defined in *Section 529* of the Internal Revenue Code ("ScholarShare" college savings programs). The Franchise Tax Board estimates that this measure would result in revenue losses of \$85 million in Fiscal Year 2007-08, \$100 million in Fiscal Year 2008-09, and \$125 million in Fiscal Year 2009-10. Additionally, it is estimated to result in K-14 funding losses of \$45.9 million in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and \$55 million in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The bill is intended to increase access to higher education for many families by providing a tax deduction for their contribution to a college 529 savings plan. However, this legislation would provide some help to middle-class families who are in genuine need of assistance due to the high costs of tuition. The bill will provide little or no assistance to those truly in need of tuition assistance, while spending scarce General Fund dollars that could be used to make state higher education more affordable. Recent Commission college affordability policy supports "tuition guarantee" models that lock in four years of level tuition for entering freshmen. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters: Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard, California Association of Private School Organizations, California Family Council, College Savings Foundation, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, State Farm.

Opposition: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, California Tax Reform Association, California School Employees Association, AFL-CIO, California Teachers Association.

AB 1038 (Feuer) – As Amended April 19, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, calls for the Legislature to implement a student fee policy for the California Community Colleges, the California State University and the University of California. This policy sets fees at a fixed percentage of the final average State expenditure per full-time equivalent (FTE) student at each respective system, and limits annual increases in these fees to no more than 7%. The Commission, in its March 2006 report, recommended revisiting the assumptions “cost of education”-based fee policies, to recognize all of the charges students pay to attend college. The Commission has recommended a five-year freeze on student fees. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters: (April 10, 2007 version) There is no official support for this measure.

Opposition: (April 10, 2007 version) California State University, University of California.

AB 1267 (Feuer) – As Amended April 10, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, establishes the Civic Service Loan Assumption Program under the administration of the California Student Aid Commission. Under the program, California residents enrolled at a campus of the University of California or the California State University would be eligible to enter into an agreement for student loan assumption, to be redeemed after a qualifying period of civic or volunteer service, as defined. Staff recommends the bill be amended to include California’s community colleges and accredited independent institutions. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 1522 (Brownlee) – As Amended April 10, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires the California Student Aid Commission to develop and make available a software program, for use by potential applicants, to facilitate identifying and applying for institutional, State, and federal student aid programs. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: Hearing Cancelled at Author’s Request: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

AB 1652 (Lieber) – As Amended April 24, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, presents legislative findings and intent regarding ethic standards in the student loan industry. It proposes the establishment of a minimum standard of ethics for student loan industry personnel, the correction of abuses, and the dispelling of unfounded portrayals of the loan industry. The bill seeks input from the State’s student financial aid agencies and lending communities on current and proposed ethics standards for the industry. Additionally, the bill requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office to collect, review, and make policy recommendations on improving the situation with the loan industry. This

bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 65 (Cedillo) – As Amended June 25, 2007 - Commission Position – *Support, Pending*: This bill, as amended, enacts the California Dream Act. It enables students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to be eligible for existing statewide and campus-based student financial aid and community college fee waiver programs. It also expands the group of students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition (those who have attended a California high school for three years or more and graduated or obtained an equivalent degree) to include those students who have attended an adult or technical school, as specified, if they attended at least one year at a high school. The bill helps provide students with access to higher education, which is consistent with the Commission's priorities. It is identical to SB 160 (Cedillo), as the author replicated the Dream Act language in this bill when SB 160 became a 2-Year Bill. It is recommended that the Commission support the bill.

Status: Assembly Rules Committee: Awaiting Assignment to a Committee.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 89 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) – As Amended July 20, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch, Pending*: This bill, as amended, authorizes the sale, or an alternative financial arrangement, of the state's student loan guarantee program, EdFund. Current law establishes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to higher education students. Existing law authorizes CSAC to carry out prescribed tasks and establish an auxiliary organization for the purpose of providing operational and administrative services for CSAC's participation in the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Specifically, this bill authorizes the Director of Finance, on behalf of the State, to sell the student loan guarantee portfolio and certain related assets and liabilities of the student loan guarantee program to an entity, approved by the United States Secretary of Education, pursuant to a prescribed procedure. The bill would require the director to deposit the net proceeds of any sale of the State's student loan guarantee program into the General Fund. The bill would appropriate \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Director of Finance for the purposes of obtaining professional advice and counsel regarding the sale. This bill creates an emergency statute that would take effect immediately. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

Status: Senate Floor: Unfinished Business File.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 91 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) – As Amended July 20, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch, Pending*: This bill, as amended, repeals the provisions of existing law relating to the establishment and operation of the auxiliary organization, (EdFund), of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), in order to effectuate the sale of the student loan guarantee program. Current law establishes CSAC as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to higher education students. Existing law authorizes CSAC to carry out prescribed tasks and establish an auxiliary organization for the purpose of providing operational and administrative services for CSAC's participation in the Federal Family Education Loan Program. This bill re-

peals the provisions for the auxiliary organization, EdFund, upon its sale. It is recommended that the Commission watch this bill.

Status: Enrolled: July 21, 2007.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 160 (Cedillo) – As Amended May 24, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch, Pending:* This bill enables students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition to be eligible for existing statewide and campus-based student financial aid and community college fee waiver programs. It also expands the group of students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition (those who have attended a California high school for three years or more and graduated or obtained an equivalent degree) to include those students who have attended an adult school, as specified, if they attended at least one year at a high school. The bill helps provide students with access to higher education, which is consistent with the Commission's priorities. However, it did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. The contents of SB 160 have been recreated in SB 65 (Cedillo), as noted previously. It is recommended that the Commission change its position on the bill from support to watch.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters: (Introduced version) American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSME), Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), California Catholic Conference, California Chicano-Latino Intersegmental Convocation (CLIC), California Federation of Teachers (CFT), California Immigrant Policy Center, California State Student Association, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), Community College League of California, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Lambda Letters Project, Latino Coalition for Healthy California (LCHC), Los Angeles Unified School District, Mexican American Conclio of Yolo County, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), National Council of La Raza (NCLR), Orange County DREAM Team, Regional Parent Advisory Committee of Migrant Education, Region 24 (Lindsay, CA), San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, The National Hispanic University (NHU), Tomales High School (Marin County), University of California, YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley, Arnulfo Cedillo, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Trustee, Blanca Brown, Lemon Grove School District Trustee, Carmen Avalos, Cerritos College District Trustee, Diana Jimenez, North Monterey County Unified School District Trustee, Dr. Elsa O Valdez, San Bernardino City Unified School District Trustee, Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood School Board Trustee, Kathryn Ramirez, Salinas Union High School District Trustee, Laura Casas Frier, Foothill-DeAnza Community College District Trustee, Reynold R. Esquivel, Stone Corral Elementary School District Trustee, Maria Orozco, City of Gonzales Council Member.

Opposition: (Introduced version) Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

SB 595 (Alquist) – As Introduced - Commission Position – *Watch:* This bill extends the annual deadline for applying for Cal Grant "A" and "B" programs' Entitlement and Transfer Entitlement awards from March 2 to June 30. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and the segments view these types of changes as unworkable, because it would leave them with insufficient time to put together complete financial aid packages for students. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Held in Committee Without Recommendation: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 769 (Alquist) – As Amended April 26, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch, Pending*: This bill, as amended, calls on the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to convene a working group to develop strategies to improve access to postsecondary education for low income and underrepresented persons through the Cal Grant financial aid program. The group is to include representatives of the segments, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the Legislative Analyst's Office, legislative and/or committee staff, and college student groups. The bill requires CSAC to submit a report including the findings and recommendations of the working group to specified legislative committees on or before September 30, 2008. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission change its position on the bill from support to watch.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Held under submission: 2-Year Bill.

Supporters/Opposition: There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

Private Postsecondary State Oversight

AB 962 (Houston) – As Amended July 25, 2007 - Commission Position – *Oppose, Unless Amended, Pending*: This bill, as amended, provides for the registration and regulation of speech-language pathology assistants by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. Existing law requires a person seeking approval as a speech-language pathology assistant to make an application to the board for approval. This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding the services provided by speech-language pathology professionals and paraprofessionals. The bill would require the California Postsecondary Education Commission to assess and discuss issues, information, and barriers relating to, and progress made in the accomplishment of, the creation of additional speech-language pathology assistant training programs in a report to the Legislature. It would require the Commission to confer with stakeholders regarding the report and submit it to the Legislature, on or before June 1, 2008. The bill specifies that the Commission would produce this report using existing resources. It is recommended that the Commission oppose the bill, unless amended, to provide the Commission with \$125,000 for the report.

Status: Senate Floor: Third Reading File: Awaiting a Floor Vote.

Supporters: California School Employees Association, California Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Imperial County Special Education Local Plan Area, L&J Telesmanic Rehabilitation Systems, Inc., Lodi Unified School District, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.

Opposition: There is no official opposition on this measure.

AB 1525 (Cook) – As Amended June 27, 2007 - Commission Position – *Watch*: This bill, as amended, replaced the expired Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989 with temporary provisions to govern this area effective July 12, 2007, when it was signed into law. The bill's provisions temporarily extend student protections at California's private postsecondary vocational education institutions. It allows the California Department of Consumer Affairs to enter into voluntary agreements with for-profit teaching institutions to abide by state rules so that the schools can remain in good standing through January 31, 2008. In the meantime, the Legislature and Administration are continuing to work to construct a more permanent entity and streamlined process for both students and institutions through SB 823 (Perata). The bill is intended to take effect on January 1, 2008, and proposes implemen-

tation of a new Act. The Commission has a long history in support of a healthy private proprietary sector and effective student protections. It is recommended that the Commission continue its watch position on the bill.

Status: Chaptered 67: Statutes of 2007.

Supporters: (June 6, 2007 version) California Coast University, Individual letters, Department of Consumer Affairs, Webster University.

Opposition: (June 6, 2007 version) There is no official support or opposition for this measure.

SB 823 (Perata) – As Amended July 17, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, proposes to permanently replace the expiring Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989, with the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007. (In the interim, the Act is being temporarily replaced by the provisions of AB 1525 (Cook)). A workgroup of stakeholders has been meeting to devise provisions for SB 823. The Commission has a long history in support of a healthy private proprietary sector and effective student protections. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending.

Supporters: (July 2, 2007 version) Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Federation of California, Individual letters from 13 students, San Mateo Community College District.

Opposition: (July 2, 2007 version) Accredited Out of State Colleges and Universities of California, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Alta Colleges, American InterContinental University, Los Angeles, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, Brooks College, Long Beach and Sunnyvale, Brooks Institute of Photography, Santa Barbara and Ventura, California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools, California Chamber of Commerce, California Culinary Academy, San Francisco, California School of Culinary Arts, Pasadena, Civil Justice Association of California, Community College League, Copper Mountain College, Corinthian Colleges, Department of Consumer Affairs, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing, Heald College, Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, International Academy of Design and Technology, Sacramento, Joanne Baron/D.W. Brown Studio, Kitchen Academy, Hollywood and Sacramento, Los Angeles Community College District, Los Rios Community College District, Loyola Marymount University, Merced Community College District, MTI College, Pierce College, Saint Mary's College of California, San Diego Community College District, Santa Clarita Community College District, State Center Community College District, University of Southern California, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Western Career College, Western Institute for Social Research, Western University of Health Sciences, Westmont College, Westwood Colleges.

Consent Calendar: Bills with a “Watch” Recommendation

ACA 5 (Levine) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This measure proposes a change to a constitutional provision regarding the University of California; however, its specific intent is unknown. This bill did not make its committee deadlines and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the measure.

Status: No committee assignment: 2-Year Measure.

ACR 21 (Portantino) – As Amended June 21, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This concurrent resolution, as amended, encourages the University of California to form an exchange program with

historically Black colleges and universities. Program costs are estimated to be \$100,000 for start-up, \$180,000 for administration and about \$652,000 for annual exchange costs. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the resolution.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

AB 145 (Coto) – As Amended April 26, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires the California State University (CSU) Trustees to authorize San Jose State University and the National Hispanic University to enter into a collaboration agreement to include outreach, transfer, joint classes for credit and other programs of education, research and public service. It expresses legislative findings about the importance of outreach to disadvantaged and deserving students and how the collaboration can address them. The bill authorizes a 5-year pilot program between the universities, focusing on grades 7-12 and undergraduate college students, to encourage college participation, increase specified degree attainment, and provide best practices in the area. It requires CSU to conduct an evaluation and report to the Legislature. While the bill is well-intended and shares many Commission goals and objectives, it will be costly at \$10 million (General Fund) annually; and it could alternatively be combined with an existing program. It is also not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill

AB 153 (Blakeslee) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This bill requests that the University of California (UC) enter into a public/private contract for an Energy Biosciences Institute and expresses legislative intent for its funding. Since UC Berkeley has already been selected to host an Energy Biosciences Institute and funding for a new facility has been included in the 2007-08 State Budget, the need for the bill is uncertain. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: No Hearing Date: 2-Year Bill

AB 178 (Coto) – As Amended June 1, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, establishes the College Readiness and Equity Program to provide grants, of \$150,000 per school, to high schools that enroll and support pupils in a college preparation curriculum, beginning in 2008-09. Funds can be used for tutoring, coaching, curriculum evaluation, internships, career placement assistance and other related services. This bill is currently on the Senate Education Suspense File and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Held Without Recommendation: Suspense File

AB 284 (Smyth) – As Amended May 2, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires that career technical education (CTE) courses or programs offered by high schools be reviewed every two years by the appropriate governing body to ensure that the program meets specified requirements. The bill also requires that career technical course instructors be given professional development opportunities that conform to business and industry standards. It is estimated to cost \$6 million to provide the professional development and an additional \$450,000 to review the CTE programs. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill

AB 359 (Karnette) – As Amended June 1, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, adds persons who agree to obtain a special education service credential in speech-language

pathology, to the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). Under current law, participation is limited to credentialed teachers. This is an area of identified need, but it is not likely a Commission priority. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Hearing Cancelled at Author's Request.

AB 519 (Mendoza) – As Amended April 24, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit a plan to include data on high school dropouts in the annual Academic Performance Index (API) measurement to the Legislature and to develop a definition of the term “dropout” for that purpose. The authorizing legislation for the API required dropout rates be included, however, without unique student identifiers, it has not been feasible. Once technology is available, it will be possible. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

AB 577 (Ruskin) – As Amended July 18, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, authorizes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors to establish a competitive grant pilot program to provide faculty and staff from community college districts with information and methods to establish open education resources centers statewide. The bill defines what an “open education resource center” is and requires the CCCs to provide an evaluation to the Legislature two years after the program is implemented. As it is intended to reduce college textbook costs for students through the use of alternative learning materials or resources, the bill is consistent with Commission affordability recommendations. The program's implementation is contingent upon budget funding. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date – August 20, 2007

AB 883 (Dymally) – As Amended April 25, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, establishes within the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) program, the assumption of loans up to \$3,000 per year for four years, for teachers and interns who are qualified for APLE and who agree to teach full time in the Compton Unified School District. It requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit a report regarding the effectiveness of the program in its analysis of the 2012-13 State Budget Bill. It is estimated that first-year costs would be about \$180,000 for loan assumption payments and for administration of the program by the California Student Aid Commission. It is not advisable for the Commission to support any district/local bills, based on their use of State funds for a specific and limited purpose. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill

AB 1329 (Houston) – As Amended April 25, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: The bill, as amended, would require the Chancellor of the California State University, in consultation with Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, K-12 and others, to assess the barriers to the creation of additional occupational therapist training programs. The bill is estimated to incur about \$160,000 in one-time costs. This bill did not make its fiscal committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Held Under Submission: 2-Year Bill

AB 1415 (Brownley) – As Amended July 5, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to adopt and implement

a data evaluation report capable of assessing the effectiveness of accredited programs of professional preparation, providing preparation for the administrative services credential. It requires that multiple measures be used, with input from stakeholders, to gauge the programs' effectiveness. The "accountability" focus is a Commission goal, and the bill could have a positive impact upon the operation of affected programs. The Commission's experience developing and undertaking an accountability framework may provide helpful insights. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date – August 20, 2007

AB 1586 (DeSaulnier) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This bill requires the California State University Trustees, and urges the University of California Regents, to adopt prescribed minimum admission requirements for specified subjects at their respective institutions for first-year undergraduate students. The subject areas are to include history-social science, English, mathematics, laboratory science, language other than English, visual and performing arts, applied arts, and college-preparatory electives. This bill did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch the bill.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee: No Hearing Date: 2-Year Bill

SCA 3 (Ridley-Thomas) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This constitutional amendment would require the Legislature to create an independent public postsecondary education system of community colleges as part of the Public School System. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline and will likely not move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: No Action Taken: 2-Year Measure

SB 44 (Torlakson) – As Amended July 17, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, creates the California Teacher Cadet Program to be operated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the California State University. It requires the California State University (CSU) to convene an advisory group to develop hands-on curriculum and criteria and standards for a Request-For-Proposal. The bill appears to address the teacher shortage — a Commission goal. However, the cost to implement the program is estimated to be approximately \$3.6 million, including start-up, grant funds and an evaluation. No funding has been proposed in the 2007-2008 State Budget for the purposes of the bill. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

SB 139 (Scott) – As Amended July 17, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This technical bill, as amended, clarifies requirements for individuals entering a nursing program, criteria necessary for eligibility in the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE), the issuers of grant awards, admission policies for impacted programs, and the source of funding for enrollment expansions. The bill also requires the collection and reporting of specified health profession data. It is estimated to cost \$2.2 million for the start-up of the health workforce database and \$1.5 million for ongoing costs to operate the database. The measure is a clean-up and follow-up bill to SB 1309 (Scott) regarding nursing education and related programs. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

SB 218 (Steinberg) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This bill provides legislative intent that the California Community Colleges (CCC) be encouraged and enabled to create greater opportunities for high school students to earn high school credits at CCCs. It intends to increase high school students' opportunities to do vocational/academic work in CCCs. This proposal did not make its

policy committee deadline, as it is still in the Senate Rules Committee, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Rules Committee: Awaiting Committee Assignment: 2-Year Bill

SB 268 (McClintock) – As Amended April 9, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, deletes the provision for a person, who meets specified criteria and is without lawful immigration status, from eligibility for paying non-resident tuition at the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU). This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline and will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Failed Passage: Returned to Secretary of Senate: 2-Year Bill

SB 314 (Wyland) – As Amended July 17, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, modifies career technical education (CTE) advisory committees by requiring the inclusion of industry representatives from at least five of the CTE industry sectors, their appointment by local industry organizations, and their approval by local governing boards. It requires that at least one representative be from an industry sector selected by the school district. It also requires school district governing boards to select at least five CTE industry sectors, based on the districts' needs, to be represented in the committee. Finally, the bill provides for a definition of "career technical education program." The CTE Framework defines "career technical education" as organized educational activities that provide coherent rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions. As such, it is a tool to provide students with the education necessary to enter the workforce, which aligns with the Commission's goals. However, it is unclear how the changes to the advisory committees will improve CTE. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

SB 337 (Ackerman) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This bill makes technical changes to the conflict-of-interest provisions that pertain to the members of the auxiliary board of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, as it is still in the Senate Rules Committee, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Rules Committee: Awaiting Committee Assignment: 2-Year Bill

SB 347 (Cogdill) – As Amended April 9, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, establishes the Community College Enrollment Fee Reimbursement Program, which would require the California State University (CSU) and request the University of California (UC) to reimburse their respective transfer students who complete between 60–72 units in community college before transferring and graduating from a CSU or UC within seven years of initially enrolling in a California Community College (CCC). It requires that a participant must be UC or CSU eligible before enrolling in a CCC. CCC students who receive a Board of Governors' waiver are rendered ineligible for the program. The bill expresses legislative intent that funds be appropriated in the State Budget for this purpose. This is an incentive program to improve "time-to-degree" that, in theory, encourages students to take as few excess units as possible in the CCCs, to complete their degree programs in a timely and inexpensive manner. Unfortunately, the provision for fee reimbursement to CCC transfer students, who might have attended a CCC regardless, may result in State costs rather than savings. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Hearing Cancelled at Author's Request: 2-Year Bill

SB 481 (Runner) – As Introduced - Commission Position – Watch: This bill creates a “Public Safety Incentive Program,” to be administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), for loan assistance up to \$40,000, for lawyers practicing as prosecutors and public defenders. This bill requires a separate infrastructure for the program, with a separate account in the State Treasury. It is not clear that there is a need for this new program, given that the existing CSAC’s Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment program specifically includes prosecutors and public defenders and provides funding up to \$11,000, but has yet to be funded. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Senate Education Committee: Hearing Cancelled at Author’s Request: 2-Year Bill

SB 588 (Runner) – As Amended April 25, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop and report to the Legislature on the policies and procedures adopted, pursuant to Proposition 1D, to implement the requirement that construction projects be built according to the Field Act or the California Building Standards Code. This bill is intended to clarify whether the community colleges are subject to or exempt from DGS and DSA approval for construction projects. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

SB 673 (Scott) – As Amended July 11, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, provides that a credentialed teacher who teaches in a low-performing public school (ranked in decile 1 or 2, according to the Academic Performance Index), is eligible to participate in the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). The APLE program provides that any person who is enrolled in postsecondary education or agrees to participate in a teacher trainee or internship program, is eligible to enter into a loan assumption agreement, to be redeemed upon being employed as a teacher, as specified. The bill requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to develop and adopt regulations for the implementation of the provision by July 1, 2008. CSAC believes that it has enough APLEs to cover new and current teachers (proposed to be made eligible by this bill). However, there are several other bills this year that also propose to expand the eligibility to APLE for additional individuals that, if also implemented, could cause the displacement of teachers who are currently eligible for the benefit. Formerly, this bill proposed to change the due date for a list of critical shortage teachers and underserved areas that could benefit from APLE. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Hearing Date Pending

SB 752 (Steinberg) – As Amended April 18, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, would enact the California Kids Investment and Development Savings (KIDS) Account Act that would create an investment account for every child born in California each year beginning on or after January 1, 2008, and would provide for a one-time deposit by the State to each account in the amount of \$500 at the child’s birth. The appropriation is contingent on funding in the Budget Act of 2007. This proposal did not make its policy committee deadline, so it will not likely move forward in its current form. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.









Status: Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee: Hearing cancelled at Author’s Request: 2-Year Bill














SB 946 (Scott) – As Amended June 28, 2007 - Commission Position – Watch: This bill, as amended, creates the Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program, designed to give high school students an indication of their college readiness in their junior year, so that they can use their senior year to improve their academic performance. The bill also calls for an independent evaluation of this initiative. This program’s objectives are consistent with the Commission’s goal of access. The California Com-

munity College Chancellor's Office estimates that operation costs for this program will be \$2.35 million dollars annually plus \$150,000 for an evaluation. A similar bill was vetoed last year, based on the assertion that the program was duplicative of the California State University program. It is recommended that the Commission continue to watch this bill.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee: Suspense File

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Bill Number	Author	Subject	CPEC Position	Dead/2 YR	1st Desk	1st Policy	1st Fiscal	1st Floor	2nd Desk	2nd Policy	2nd Fiscal	2nd Floor	Conf./Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	Comments
AB 100	Mullin	Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2008.	Watch	2 Year 													05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was ED.
AB 152	Beall	Postsecondary education: Golden State Scholarship Trust: California Prepaid Tuition Program.	Watch	2nd Policy 													07/12/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
AB 171	Beall	Student financial aid: Assumption Program for Loans for Law in the Public Interest.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Fiscal 													07/03/2007-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 175	Price	Cal Grant B awards: access costs.	Watch, Pending Position Letter	2 Year 													06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 262	Coto	Public postsecondary education.	Support, if Amended, Pending Position Letter	2nd Floor 													07/18/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
AB 286	Cook	Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition.	Watch	2 Year 													05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HIGHER ED.
AB 302	De La Torre	Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards: award amount.	Watch, Pending Position Letter	2 Year 													07/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE (Refers to 5/31/2007 hearing)
AB 365	Portantino	Postsecondary education: Task Force on State Workforce Needs: California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.	Support - Sponsor Position Letter	2nd Fiscal 													07/10/2007-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 4.) .

AB 488	Portantino	Community colleges: California Community Colleges Access Grant Program.	Watch	2 Year 	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 573	Horton	Community colleges: nursing education programs.	Watch	2 Year 	05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HIGHER ED.
AB 611	Nakanishi	Physician assistants: educational loan program.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Floor 	07/19/2007-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.)
AB 668	Portantino	Student financial aid: California Community College Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act.	Support Position Letter	2nd Fiscal 	07/16/2007-Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 819	Runner, Sharon	Personal income taxes: deductions: tuition programs.	Watch	2 Year 	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was REV. & TAX
AB 962	Houston	Speech-language pathologists.	Oppose, Unless Amended, Pending	2nd Floor 	07/18/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
AB 1038	Feuer	Postsecondary education: student fees.	Watch	2 Year 	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 1267	Feuer	Civic service: Civic Service Loan Assumption Program.	Watch	2 Year 	06/01/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
AB 1409	Portantino	Pupils: concurrent enrollment in community college and secondary or elementary school.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Fiscal 	07/18/2007-Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1413	Portantino	Public postsecondary education: California State University: trustees.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Fiscal 	07/18/2007-Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1522	Brownley	Student financial aid.	Watch	2 Year 	05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was HIGHER ED.
AB 1525	Cook	Private postsecondary education.	Watch	Chaptered 	07/12/2007-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 67, Statutes of 2007.
AB 1540	Bass	Student financial aid: Cash for College Program.	Watch	2nd Fiscal 	07/12/2007-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.)

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AB 1548	Solorio	Public postsecondary education: College Textbook Transparency Act.	Support, in Concept	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/20/2007-Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1559	Berryhill	Public postsecondary education: community college registered programs.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/18/2007-Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1578	Leno	Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2007: California Competitive Grant Program.	Watch	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/12/2007-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.)
AB 1652	Lieber	Student financial aid.	Watch	2 Year [REDACTED]	06/08/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
SB 43	Torlakson	Teacher credentialing.	Watch	2 Year [REDACTED]	06/08/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). Last location was RLS.
SB 65	Cedillo	Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act.	Support, Pending	2nd Policy [REDACTED]	06/25/2007-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
SB 89	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Student Financial aid: state student loan guarantee program: assets and liabilities: sale.	Watch, Pending	Conference [REDACTED]	07/21/2007-Urgency clause refused adoption. Senate refuses to concur in Assembly amendments. (Ayes 23. Noes 15. Page 1936.) Motion to reconsider made by Senator Romero. Reconsideration granted.
SB 91	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Student financial aid.	Watch, Pending	Enrolled [REDACTED]	07/21/2007-Enrolled text released
SB 160	Cedillo	Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act.	Watch, Pending Position Letter	2 Year [REDACTED]	06/08/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
SB 190	Yee	Public postsecondary education: California State University: University of California: open meetings: Higher Education Governance Accountability Act.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/19/2007-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.)

SB 232	Ducheny	Instructional strategies: subject matter projects.	Support Position Letter	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/16/2007-From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. Received July 13 pursuant to Joint Rule 61(a)(10).
SB 325	Scott	Postsecondary education: Educational and Economic Goals for California Higher Education.	Support, if Amended Position Letter	2nd Policy [REDACTED]	06/11/2007-To Com. on HIGHER ED.
SB 595	Alquist	Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasc oncellos Cal Grant Program.	Watch	2 Year [REDACTED]	05/02/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last location was ED. SUSPENSE FILE
SB 769	Alquist	Student financial aid: working group on Cal Grant deadlines.	Watch, Pending Position Letter	2 Year [REDACTED]	06/08/2007-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(8). Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
SB 823	Perata	Private postsecondary education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2007.	Watch	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/17/2007-Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 832	Corbett	Postsecondary education: textbooks.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Floor [REDACTED]	07/12/2007-Read second time. To third reading.
SB 890	Scott	Pupils: Early Commitment to College program.	Support, in Concept Position Letter	2nd Fiscal [REDACTED]	07/17/2007-Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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